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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on trends in national institutional arrangements, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/meetings/ggim-committee/8th-session/). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the proposed plans to refocus and refine the work of the working group to ensure that its outputs are of value to and aligned with the requirements of Member States regarding national institutional arrangements and support the key areas of work of the Committee.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/105, in which it welcomed the comprehensive report of the working group on trends in national institutional arrangements and the production of the overarching framework for national institutional arrangements, inclusive of instruments, principles and guidelines. In addition, the Committee endorsed the overarching framework as an integrated process for implementing national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management for Member States, commended the compendium of good practices as a tangible means of demonstrating models of institutional arrangements across geographic regions and encouraged Member States to contribute to that effort. The Committee also agreed that a practical and commendable next step to further the work of the working group was to develop an easy-to-understand guide to facilitate the use of the framework principles and instruments by users who were not familiar with geospatial information management concepts.

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In its report, the working group presents a review of its modalities and operational activities during the intersessional period, including the appointment of a new working group bureau, the revision of its terms of reference and the approach taken to evaluate, refocus and revise its workplan. The report includes plans by the working group to integrate its existing institutional arrangements framework for geospatial information management, including the instruments, principles and guidelines, to support relevant areas of work by other expert and working groups of the Committee of Experts.

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